

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4209

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 19, 1993

Application of MADHU SUDAN, Trading)  
as CAPITAL CITY SIGHTS, for a )  
Certificate of Authority -- )  
Irregular Route Operations )

Case No. AP-93-35

By application accepted for filing November 17, 1993, Madhu Sudan, trading as Capital City Sights (CCS or applicant), a sole proprietor, seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 or fewer persons, including the driver.

Madhu Sudan previously operated under Certificate of Authority No. 145 using the trade name City Sights. Certificate No. 145 was revoked in Order No. 3689 in 1991 for City Sights's noncompliance with the Commission's insurance requirements.<sup>1</sup>

CCS's application includes information regarding, among other things, its facilities, proposed tariff, finances, and regulatory compliance record. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during its regular business hours.

CCS proposes to commence operations with one 15-passenger van. CCS's proposed tariff contains per capita rates for tours conducted in DC and VA.

Applicant's balance sheet and operating statement, Exhibits E and F, respectively, are each dated as of December 31, 1992. The application states that those exhibits may not be older than six months. Applicant will be directed to file an interim operating statement for the period beginning January 1, 1993, and ending not earlier than May 17, 1993, plus a corresponding balance sheet dated as of the last day of that period.

In determining whether to grant or deny an application for a certificate of authority, the Compact at Title II, Article XI, Section 7 requires that the Commission determine whether an applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the transportation properly and conform to the provisions of the Compact and the Commission's rules, regulations, and requirements and whether the transportation is consistent with the public interest. Pursuant to Commission Rule No. 6, this order and fulfillment of its requirements will provide notice of CCS's application for a certificate of authority.

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<sup>1</sup> In re Madhu Sudan, t/a City Sights, No. MP-91-01, Order No. 3689 (Apr. 19, 1991).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Madhu Sudan, trading as Capital City Sights, shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than Friday, December 3, 1993, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

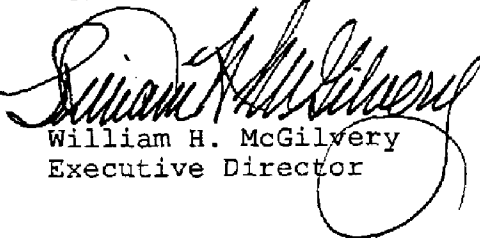
2. That Madhu Sudan, trading as Capital City Sights, shall file with the Commission, no later than Monday, December 27, 1993, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

3. That Madhu Sudan, trading as Capital City Sights, shall file with the Commission, no later than Friday, December 3, 1993, an original and four copies of an interim operating statement for the period beginning January 1, 1993, and ending not earlier than May 17, 1993, plus a corresponding balance sheet dated as of the last day of that period.

4. That any person wanting to protest the application, in accordance with Commission Rule No. 13 and Regulation No. 54-04(a), and any person wanting to comment on the application, in accordance with Regulation No. 54-04(a), shall file such protest or comment at the office of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Monday, December 27, 1993, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or comment on applicant's representative, Mr. Steven Shapiro, 18537 Split Rock Lane, Germantown, MD 20874.

5. That any person seeking a formal oral hearing on this matter, in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 54-04(b), shall request one no later than Monday, December 27, 1993, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such request on applicant's representative, Mr. Steven Shapiro, 18537 Split Rock Lane, Germantown, MD 20874.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director